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Applicant: Michael Lynn Hinds

Examiner: Roger L. Pang

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Notice of Appeal

The Honorable Commissioner

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Responsive to the Final Rejection dated 11/21/2003, applicant hereby appeals from the decision of the Examiner in rejecting claims 1 and 9.

Please note that on or about 07 July 2003 (this is the date stamped on a self-addressed postcard sent in with the Notice of Appeal) applicant previously filed a Notice of Appeal in this case, with permission being given to charge the fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(b) against Deposit Account 04-0525. **Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no further fee is due for filing this paper and it is requested that the fee previously charged be applied to this Notice of Appeal.** In the event that an additional amount is required to fee increases, this fee may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525. Two duplicates of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully,


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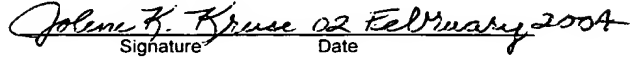
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